

## **ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER**

### **News Release**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2006, 8:00 a.m.  
Elko County Fires, Update #7**

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### **FIRES CONTINUE GROWING NEAR ELKO, NEVADA**

#### **Elko, Nevada...Additional resources helping fire-fighting efforts in Elko County**

Three large fires burning in northeastern Nevada continue to cause concerns to residents. Interstate 80 and the Mountain City Highway (State Road 225) are open although smoke is obscuring visibility at times.

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for today until 9:00 p.m. There is a possibility of scattered storms with moisture late Wednesday with an increasing chance of wetting rains on Thursday and Friday.

The Suzie Fire, about five miles northwest of Elko, has burned over 70,000 acres in sagebrush and grass.

The Stanich Type I Fire Management Team is in Elko and will be transitioning today with the Southern California Type II Fire Management Team #3 who is currently managing the Suzie Fire. The Stanich Type I Team will assume management of the Suzie Fire at 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

The Suzie Fire made a small "run" late Tuesday evening towards the Sundance Estates on the northwestern outskirts of Elko. There were no evacuations and the flames were approximately one and a half miles away from the structures. A bull dozer line was put in to strengthen the existing Elko North Greenbelt which was established in 2004 to help protect the northwestern outskirts of Elko.

Windy conditions late yesterday afternoon pushed the North Antelope Fire to nearly 5,000 acres, about 28 miles north of Dunphy. The fire's active front burned through cheatgrass and sage brush between North Antelope Creek Road and Mud Springs. Smoke jumpers were deployed late Tuesday and two crews will be fighting the fire today.

The Sneekie Fire started Monday afternoon and is burning in the Red Springs Wilderness Study Area about 35 miles south of Elko. It is currently estimated over 6,000 acres. The Berndt Type 2 Interagency Management Team from Washington assumed management of the Sneekie Fire late Tuesday

The Elburz Fire, about 10 miles northeast of Elko, has burned approximately 9,600 acres, and is contained and is in monitor status.

Approximately 600 fire fighting personnel from all over Nevada and across the country are currently fighting wildfires in Elko County. Eighty contract firefighters arrived yesterday afternoon from Oregon and Idaho to help with the Sneekee and North Antelope fires.

**A fire state of emergency was declared in Elko County by the Elko County Commission and a 30-day ban on burn barrels was put into effect.**

All local, state, and federal fire fighting agencies are urging the public's cooperation and caution during this period of extreme fire danger.

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